Act. As per information received from the State Government, 6 offence cases under Orissa Forest Act, 1972, have been registered against the earning officials of MCL. In compliance to the directions of the Government of India, the MCL authorities have initiated action against the defaulting officials for violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Construction of Vasant Kunj Shopping Mall

2008. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 347 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 2005 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has given permission for construction of Vasant Kunj Shopping Mall in Delhi even though the auction purchasers have not obtained necessary clearances from statutory authorities; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating any action against Delhi Development Authority and to stop the construction of Mall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The shopping mall project of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) at Vasant Kunj had been cleared by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the plots were auctioned accordingly by the DDA. The DDA accorded sanction to the building plans subject to the condition that the auction purchaser would obtain necessary environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests/Delhi Pollution Control Committee. So far the Ministry of Environment and Forests has not accorded environmental clearance to the project.

Industries posing danger to environment

2009. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the multi crore industries continue to pose a danger to health and environment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government not taking serious action despite warning by the researchers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to protect the health of children from ill-effects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Large industries are required to provide necessary pollution control measures so as to comply with the prescribed environmental standards to avoid any significant adverse impacts on environment and human health. The specified industries are also required to seek environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests under the Environment (Protection) Act and consent from the respective State Pollution Control Board. These industries are periodically monitored and action is taken against the defaulting units by the regulatory agencies. The industries are also required to comply with the provisions of the Factories Act for protection of health of workers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The steps taken by the Government to protect the environment and human health include the following:

- Comprehensive policy for abatement of pollution.
- Supply of improved lead free and low sulphur auto-fuel including CNG.
- Tightening of vehicular and industrial emission norms.
- Mandatory environmental clearance for specified industries.
- Management of industrial hazardous wastes.
- Promotion of cleaner technologies.
- Setting up of net-work of air and water quality monitoring stations.
- Assessment of pollution load & source apportionment studies.
- Preparation and implementation of action plans for major cities and critically polluted areas.